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## **TUSTAMENA REPAIRS REQUIRE SCHEDULE CHANGES**

"The M/V TUSTUMENA was required to cancel its scheduled weekend trips and immediately sail to Seward to undergo required repairs," announced Alaska Marine Highway System's manager Bob Doll.

On Saturday morning, a switch responsible for switching the ships power from one generator to another failed. Although the switch is not vital to the ships operation, Coast Guard regulations require the switch to be in working order for emergency purposes. The ship is currently docked in Seward awaiting the arrival and installation of a replacement part to resume its original schedule.

The repairs are causing AMHS to revise the ferry's schedule. "All efforts will be made to have the vessel on line for the Aleutian Chain trip scheduled for this week, although some schedule changes will be required," stated Doll. "We will make every effort to notify customers holding reservations for sailings affected by scheduled changes," he added.

Updated schedule information is expected to be available by Monday afternoon. Call Central Reservations at 1-800-642-0066 or your local terminal.

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